

**Table 46.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2003**

Year	All ages <sup>a</sup>	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
Total	35,944,110	5,695,910	23,095,300	7,152,900
State conversions <sup>b</sup>	3,406,600	3,650	1,424,010	1,978,940
Federal applications				
1973	282,270	4,970	81,850	195,450
1974	1,997,130	122,170	1,061,670	813,290
1975	1,300,670	93,480	859,400	347,790
1976	973,420	75,950	684,750	212,720
1977	941,300	82,180	658,930	200,190
1978	896,610	84,360	629,240	183,010
1979	914,350	90,170	639,040	185,140
1980	936,350	91,700	654,580	190,070
1981	722,170	75,390	528,580	118,200
1982	604,290	72,760	449,350	82,180
1983	643,870	78,830	465,190	99,850
1984	735,850	81,580	485,400	168,870
1985	859,290	92,560	627,390	139,340
1986	930,260	98,590	687,520	144,150
1987	891,320	96,940	652,920	141,460
1988	835,650	95,380	603,060	137,210
1989	855,140	100,470	606,990	147,680
1990	981,590	127,430	696,700	157,460
1991	1,199,860	207,940	835,810	156,110
1992	1,455,720	339,210	954,900	161,610
1993	1,620,200	439,860	1,027,300	153,040
1994	1,568,700	460,050	979,480	129,170
1995	1,385,000	407,220	863,230	114,550
1996	1,242,710	359,030	778,990	104,690
1997	980,380	254,320	645,750	80,310
1998	982,570	249,810	642,260	90,500
1999	993,590	256,080	638,450	99,060
2000	1,034,360	258,000	677,230	99,130
2001	1,125,740	273,350	751,380	101,010
2002	1,275,550	301,690	861,610	112,250
2003	1,371,600	320,790	942,340	108,470

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: Data include only the first application for each person.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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